

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 6A-C show the structure of the derivatized valency platform molecule and the linker coupling the polynucleotide to the platform molecule for Conjugates 3-I, 3-II, 11-II, 11-II, 11-IV, 11-VII, 11-VIII, 17-II, 20-II, 20-III, and 20-IV.--

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